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STARTS AND EARLY STOP FOR IDENTIFICATION OF  
DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED GENES BASED ON MICROARRAY  
DATA

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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Sir:

Applicants filed a U.S. National Phase patent application on September 1, 2004. At the time of filing, Applicant's counsel believed Applicant qualified for large entity status. The required fee of \$730.00 for an Applicant claiming large entity status was submitted. Since then, Applicants' counsel has been informed that Applicants do qualify for small entity status under 35 USC 1.27.

Therefore, Applicants are entitled to a refund of \$365.00, half the initial filing fee paid on September 1, 2004.

The Patent and Trademark Office is accordingly requested to make a refund in the form of a check in the amount of \$365.00 forwarded to the undersigned at the address indicated below. This paper is being submitted in duplicate for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

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